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SIR: This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☐ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/142,871 filed September 16, 1998 of Yoshihiro KIKUCHI, Toshiaki WATANABE, Kenshi DACHIKU, Takeshi CHUJOH and Takeshi NAGAI for Coding System and Decoding System.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/142,871 as originally filed on September 16, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. ☒ Cancel Claims 1-15 and 18-30.
5. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
6. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 5 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ \$740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	15	-	20	0	x \$18	
Independent Claims	3	-	3	0	x \$84	
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Subtotal						\$ 740.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 740.00

7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
8. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph:
- This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/142,871 filed September 16, 1998, which is a National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP97/00864 under 35 U.S.C. 371 filed March 18, 1997, which is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/720,067 filed September 27, 1996, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.
10. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: KABUSHIKI KAISHA TOSHIBA.
12. ☒ Priority of application Serial No. 1995-276993 filed on September 29, 1995 in Japan; Serial No. 1996-61450 filed on March 18, 1996 in Japan; Serial No. 1996-163082 filed on June 24, 1996 in Japan; Serial No. 1996-232362 filed on September 2, 1996 in Japan; and Serial No. 1996-243883 filed on September 13, 1996 in Japan, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy

☐ is enclosed or ☒ is on file in the prior application.

13. ☐ Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.
14. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilley, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478; David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg.

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15. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
16. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
17. ☒ Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852.**
18. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney \_\_\_\_\_
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION.** If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, serial no. 09/142,871, filed on September 16, 1998, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested,

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